



Retrospective Rating Program
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TO: Retro Advisory Committee
Other Stakeholders

FROM: Frank Romero, Retro Program Manager

SUBJECT: Minutes of 10/13/98 meeting of retro advisory committee

Regular committee meeting:

Frank called the meeting to order at around 1:00 PM. After introductions of the committee members and public, the meeting commenced.

Frank asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last retro advisory committee meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

The next order of business was an overview of the agenda for today's meeting:

- Update on the Occupational Health Services Project
- Briefing on 1999 rates and the announced dividend
- Update on the proposed retro rule filing
- Update on the Retro Symposium
- Committee meeting schedule (quarterly vs. bimonthly)

Bill Stoner, an medical program specialist from the department, gave an update on the health services project. This was a high level overview of developing a network of providers that had knowledge of the workers' compensation system. The project is aimed at increasing injured worker and employer satisfaction over medical care and treatment decisions.

Bill Vasek, senior actuary for the department, gave an overview of the 1999 premium rate proposal and the upcoming dividend. Bill explained that the dividend was calculated independent of the retro premium so that it would not impact retro participants.

Frank Romero provided a brief update on the retro rule proposal and the upcoming public hearing. (Note: *The department adopted Retro rules minus the recertification provision, on November 30, 1998. These rules will go into effect January 1, 1999.*)

The next order of business was intended to begin the dialogue of changing the retro meeting from every other month to once a quarter. The committee thought it was a good idea and asked that a motion be made so a vote could be taken rather than table the idea. It was moved, seconded and carried to begin quarterly meetings in 1999.

An update was given regarding the upcoming retro symposium and retro employers encouraged to participate. Frank extended a thank you to Mike Sotelo for his planning of the symposium this year.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 PM.